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SUBJECT: DUTCH WILL PROVIDE ALBANIA ELECTION SUPPORT

1. The Dutch have decided to grant USD 500,000 to the UNDP for the OSCE-coordinated election support effort for the October Albania elections, with the proviso that it be used for voter registry preparations and data verification.

2. The Dutch plan to open their embassy in Tirana by late June. Ambassador J.F.L. (Hans) Blankenberg will arrive in Albania around June 27.

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